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TEN CENTS A WEEK

HAZED BY FLAMES

A Mill Hand Was Put Through Frightful Torture.

HELD OVER BLAST FURNACE

Flesh Was Shriveled and His Clothing Charred—It Is Said There Is Still Hope of the Unfortunate Man's Recovery.

Washington, Pa., Sept. 11.—Henry Perry, a mill worker of Wheeling, W. Va., is said to be dying from a hazing administered by fifty employees of the Tyler Tube and Pipe company.

Burned and beaten, there is little hope for his recovery. The Tyler company steel workers have a custom of initiating new employees.

At the midday lunch hour, Perry was seized by a couple of powerful mill men that he might be put through the "degree." Perry fought and with iron pipes warded off his tormentors until overpowered.

He was fastened to a hook of a big iron crane and swung above the fire of a big blast furnace.

Finally, the cords were burned through and Perry's unconscious form dropped to the floor right in front of the furnace, where his flesh shriveled and his clothing charred.

STORM VISITS CHATTANOOGA.

Wind Reached a Velocity of 50 Miles an Hour.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 11.—During a severe storm, which swept over the city Monday afternoon, when the wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, several accidents occurred which were of more than ordinary interest, owing to their unusual character.

On McCallie avenue, the principal thoroughfare of the city, an automobile containing two ladies was blown out of the street onto the sidewalk, the ladies thrown out, and the machine damaged against a tree. The party in the automobile were coming into the city at a rapid rate to get out of the storm, the machine going at about 25 miles an hour.

It was going directly in the face of the wind, and just as it turned, a terrific gust of wind blew the machine completely around, running it into a bank and tree before being stopped. The ladies were thrown out and more or less severely shaken up, besides sustaining a number of painful cuts about the face and the hands.

On Missionary ridge, above the city, the wind reached a velocity much greater than in the city. While an automobile containing James Howe, a prominent merchant, was going along the Crest road, on the ridge, the wind blew him out of the machine against an embankment, severely injuring him.

CIGARETTE FIRES.

They Cost the City of New York About \$2,500,000 Yearly.

New York, Sept. 11.—A yearly chart has just been completed covering 6,357 fires in Manhattan and the Bronx and calling attention to some interesting facts. It is estimated that fires started by carelessly dropped matches and cigarettes cause New York city a loss of about \$2,500,000 each year.

The city has an average of over 25 fires every day, and fire losses in 12 months from all causes aggregate something like \$10,000,000. Every time an alarm comes in, no matter whether it is false or not, the cost to the city is \$50 for wear and tear of the fire apparatus. The city also pays out something like \$500,000 for damage done to asphalt pavements by children's bonfires in the streets.

Convene in Ottawa.

Lima, Ohio, Sept. 11.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Catholic Knights of Ohio will be opened in Ottawa next Tuesday with an address by St. Rev. Ignatius Horstman, of Cleveland. Mayor T. F. McElroy will make the welcoming address.

WOMAN WEIGHS 525 POUNDS.

Remarkable Case of Elephantiasis Is Reported from Brooklyn.

New York, Sept. 11.—Physicians at the Kings county hospital, Brooklyn, have there a remarkable case of that rare disease elephantiasis.

The patient is Mrs. Juliette Felt, of Brooklyn, widow, 63 years old. Before she was attacked by the disease she weighed 149 pounds. She now weighs 525 pounds and is gaining daily in size. Her skin is thick, hard and coarse, like an elephant's.

The disease first manifested itself seven years ago. It began with an itching in one of her legs. This then caused in a short while, but it was followed by a swelling of the limbs, accompanied by pain. Then she began to gain weight rapidly.

The body, arms and legs, have been affected, but not her face. She thought herself growing fat from natural causes, but could not account for the pain which attended her increase in bulk. Two years ago she found she weighed 350 pounds, and then in alarm she resorted to medicines, and dieting, but these measures were of no avail.

A week ago a physician diagnosed her trouble as elephantiasis. An idea of the effect of the disease may be had from the fact that each of her legs is as large in circumference as the body of a well developed man.

The doctors do not yet know whether she will recover.

MYSTERIOUS CAVE.

"Purgatory" Cavern Attracting the Attention of Scientists.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 11.—"Purgatory," a cave only a few miles from this city, many of whose mysterious bypaths have yet to be explored, is now attracting the attention of scientists all over New England, because of the failure of Miss Lucia S. Thompson of Boston, a well known mountain climber, to penetrate the cavern. Miss Thompson found herself unable to proceed much beyond the entrance to the cavern, as it was icebound.

No one has yet had the courage to penetrate the furthest depths of the cave, and such an attempt is admittedly fraught with danger, for at its bottom is an unexplored subterranean lake or river. There are scarcely three months in the year in which it is possible to enter the cave.

Miss Annie Peck, whose feats of mountain climbing have given her fame, will try to explore the cavern.

MARRIES GREEK POET.

Picturesque Wedding Occurs at Bar Harbor, Maine.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 11.—Miss Eva Courtlandt Palmer, of New York, was married Monday at Brookend, the cottage of her mother, Mrs. Robert Abbe, to Angelo Sikeffianis, a Greek poet.

The wedding was made picturesque by the costume of the bride, who, though an American girl, wore a classic Greek tunic of purple and white and jeweled sandals beneath bare feet, while her hair, which reached to the floor, was loosely braided and crowned with a Greek fillet. This is a costume she has adopted for permanent use, believing it to be the most healthful.

The bridegroom also appeared in a native costume. The couple will go to Greece to live after the honeymoon.

Van Marter Dies in Bolivia.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 11.—Dr. J. A. Van Marter, formerly of Savannah, died in South America about two weeks ago. He was with a commission appointed by the Bolivian government to establish the boundary between Bolivia and Brazil. The news of his death was received by his family through the state department. Dr. Van Marter was 37 years of age, and was born in Switzerland. He married Miss W. H. Calkins in 1903, in Tacoma, Wash.

Contract for New Mill.

Wedowee, Ala., Sept. 11.—The contract for the erection of the new mill of the Wedowee Oil Mills company has been let to P. O. Randall, of Talladega, and the plant will be ready for the fall crop of seed.

KILLED BY A BURGLAR

Brave Woman Defending Home Is Shot to Death.

BULLET SENT TO HER HEART

Wife of Lieutenant Frank Rorschach, U. S. N., Murdered in Her Home Near Portsmouth, Va., by Man Who Was Plundering Her Home.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, wife of Lieutenant Frank Rorschach, U. S. N., and sister of Joseph T. Lawless, former secretary of the commonwealth of Virginia, was murdered in her home, at Portsmouth, in the suburb of Park View, by an unknown burglar early Tuesday morning.

She was shot through the heart with her own pistol taken from her hand by the burglar after she had fired twice upon him through an open door leading into the kitchen where she was cornered.

Shot Awakened Boy.

The pistol shots awakened the oldest boy, Frank, Jr., and the mother cried to the boy upstairs:

"Frank, somebody has taken my pistol from me and shot me. Go quickly for help."

The boy rushed for help, but when he returned with neighbors his mother was dead. An effort was made to inform Lieutenant Rorschach by wireless of the tragedy.

The Rorschach home is immediately in the rear of the naval hospital woods in Portsmouth, and near a lumber mill, which negroes frequently pass. A newsboy who lives near the home saw a negro shortly after the tragedy running rapidly by his home towards the small foot bridge whence the bloodhounds went when they took the scent. The negro was taking off his coat.

While Mrs. Rorschach had a lamp in her hand the burglar was in the kitchen in the dark. He evidently heard the man and fired in the direction. Hot bullets fired by the woman were found in the wall of the kitchen.

Pistol Placed to Her Breast.

Mrs. Rorschach with her money tied in a roll and hanging around her neck, had run down stairs by the back steps; she was found lying with her head on the second step. The pistol had been placed close to her left breast over her night dress and discharged. It was a five shooter. Of these, two were fired by Mrs. Rorschach and one fired by the burglar. Her money and jewelry were unharmed.

The victim's youngest child, Lawless, slept through the excitement.

Mrs. Rorschach was a handsome woman about 36 years old, and one of the most accomplished musicians in the state of Virginia.

Lieutenant Rorschach was formerly of Kansas, but was appointed to the navy from Virginia.

Whether the murderer was a negro or a white man is unknown. He escaped, dropping the pistol as he fled from the house.

Bloodhounds carried to the house from the Portsmouth jail secured a scent and ran from the house. This was soon lost, however, and the dogs have since been unable to pick up the trail.

Mrs. Rorschach, whose fearlessness was well known, was living with her children, aged 7 and 5. Her husband, Lieutenant Rorschach, formerly of the United States battleship Kentucky, but more recently promoted and transferred to the United States cruiser Tennessee, now with Admiral Evans' fleet off Provincetown, Mass., on target practice, was absent.

Glass Blowers on Strike.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 11.—The glass blowers employed at the Hoosier bottle works here went out on a strike Monday for higher wages. The plant employed nearly three hundred men and had been operated only six days after a shutdown of several months.

DEATH OF COLONEL SHUMATE.

Prominent Attorney of Dalton, Ga., Has Passed Away.

Dalton, Ga., Sept. 11.—At his home here Monday afternoon, Colonel L. E. Shumate, a prominent lawyer of the state, surrendered his spirit and passed to the great beyond.

Colonel Shumate's illness had been brief, dating only from Thursday, when he was suddenly stricken with complete paralysis in the whole left side of his body. He recovered somewhat Friday, and was even more improved Saturday and Sunday, regaining almost entire control of his faculties.

Monday night he was again attacked, and soon passed away.

At the time of his death Colonel Shumate was 73 years of age. He was widely and favorably known in legal circles of the state, having practiced before the courts of a number of its counties and before the supreme bar. He was counsel for the Southern railway at Dalton.

The deceased lawyer was as prominently identified with religious interests as he was with the bar. He was regularly in attendance upon Methodist conferences of the state, and is not known to have missed more than one or two of those gatherings since his early manhood.

Colonel Shumate is survived by his wife and six children.

PANIC IN CROWDED ROOM.

Husband Tries to Kill Wife from Whom He Was Separated.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Falling in an attempt to effect a reconciliation with his wife, from whom he had been separated, Wm. B. Herbert Monday night fired five shots into a crowded room where his wife was seated, slightly wounding her sister, Mrs. George W. Northy. Several others in the room narrowly escaped being hit by the flying bullets. With one remaining cartridge in his pistol, Herbert turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet into his left breast just below the heart. He is not expected to live.

But for the presence of mind of Mrs. Herbert she undoubtedly would have been killed. Seeing the revolver pointed at her, she grasped one of her young children and threw herself prone on the floor. The shot missed her. She then crawled toward a door, and a second shot passed over her, striking Mrs. Northy in the arm. A third shot grazed Mrs. Herbert's cheek.

Stowaway Swam to Liberty.

New York, Sept. 11.—A Portuguese stowaway aboard the steamer Glencairn, just in from Huelva, was put to work at the beginning of the trip and was told that at the end he would be sent back to Europe. When the lights of the New Jersey shore were in sight on Saturday night the Portuguese decided that he would swim the rest of the way to America. He was not missed from the ship until she dropped anchor off Sandy Hook. A rope was seen dangling over the stern and a life buoy had been cut away. Captain Gillings inferred that the stowaway had taken the buoy with him to assist in his efforts to reach the Jersey shore.

Child Meets Awful Death.

Cedartown, Ga., Sept. 11.—A horrible accident occurred late Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Frank Bolling, about four miles south of the city, by which his little thirteen-year-old daughter, Lucy, lost her life by being burned to death in a bowl of hot grease. The mother was cooking supper and had just placed the vessel on the table near the child. Suddenly the cry of the little girl showed that she had turned over the bowl and spilled the contents on her face and neck and body. Medical aid failed to relieve the little sufferer, and death claimed the victim later in the night.

Will Resume Operations.

Barbourville, Ky., Sept. 11.—The strike in this district was practically broken when the Matthews Coal Co. resumed operations at its big Wayne properties with imported miners. The strike was called last March, and operations were practically tied up for months.

ANTI-ASIATIC RIOTS

Believed Further Trouble Will Occur in Vancouver.

SPECIAL POLICE SWORN IN

It Is Said that Hundreds of Orientals Are Buying Fire Arms in Anticipation of Further Trouble—Bloodshed Is Feared.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 11.—There is great apprehension of further anti-Asiatic rioting here and all day Japanese and Chinese crowded the local gunshops to buy firearms and ammunition.

They declare they will defend themselves and property. In case the Oriental quarters is again attacked, it is feared there will be bloodshed, for the Japanese and Chinese are thoroughly alarmed and are convinced the police are powerless to protect them.

Shortly before dark the police notified the gun shops to cease selling firearms to anyone for the present. Before the order was issued, however, several hundred Chinese and Japanese had armed themselves.

All Chinese and Japanese in domestic circles, of whom hundreds are employed in Vancouver, have stopped work and have been forced by the threats of their countrymen to act as part of the defensive guard.

Oriental employed in the mills have also stopped work and have taken refuge in the quarters occupied by their countrymen, where they are preparing to assist in repelling any further attacks that may be made.

Two hundred special policemen were sworn in Monday, and there is talk of calling out the military.

Feeling runs high, and an attack is likely to occur at any time.

So far there has been no one killed, but several of those injured in the riots are in a serious condition.

Riots Carefully Planned.

Portland, Oreg., Sept. 10.—The Oregonian prints the following special from Seattle, Wash.:

Every indication is that the Vancouver, B. C., riots were carefully planned to impress Ishii, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce. It is significant that the leaders of the Seattle organization against Japanese immigration were in Vancouver, heading the demonstration. Frank W. Cotterill, president of the Washington State Federation of Labor; A. W. Fowler, secretary of the Anti-Japanese and Korean Immigration league; G. P. Listman, a prominent Seattle labor lawyer, all were present together with a big delegation of American anti-Japanese sympathizers.

The significance of the Japanese riot dates back to a program evolved when it was announced that Ishii was coming to Seattle. It was then decided and telegraphed out of Seattle that the anti-Oriental organizations proposed to present to Ishii while he was in Seattle a protest against Japanese immigration. At the time this plot was formulated it was believed Ishii would spend a week in Seattle and then go to Vancouver. There was planned at a conference between Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle anti-Japanese leaders all the details for a big anti-Japanese demonstration in Vancouver Sept. 12. It developed that Ishii did not have time to spend in Seattle and he went on through to Vancouver. Simultaneously with his going, local leaders of the anti-Japanese society went north. They were in Vancouver when the outbreak occurred, and the announcement is made in private letters from anti-Japanese leaders that they harangued the mob not to do violence, the society itself believes the demonstration had to do with their presence. It was impossible to present a big anti-Japanese petition to Ishii here, and he refused to remain long enough for the Vancouver demonstration, Sept. 12.

There is no question whether Seattle, Portland or San Francisco agitators took part. The great bulk of the marching and rioting through was composed of Canadians, and the Japanese officials ignored American participation in the telegram of protest to the Ottawa government.